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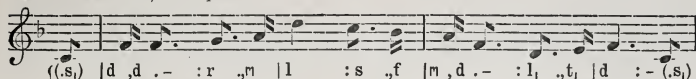
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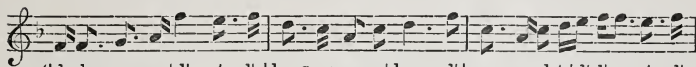
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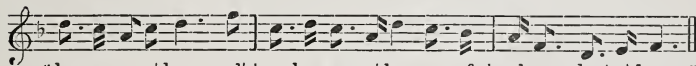
KEY F.—*Moderato, with expression.*



((s.) | d, d .- : r ,m | l : s ,f | m, d .- : l, ,t, | d :- (s.)
Oh, happy may I see thee, my calin deilas donn; With



{ d, d .- : r ,m | d' : t ,d' | l ,s : m .s | l :- d' | s ,m : s .l, t | d', d' .- : t ,d'
Dean a' chuaillein réidh air an deise 'dh' éireadh fonn, 'S i cainnt do bheòil bu bhinne leam an
wavy auburn ringlets, and voice of sweetest tone! Thy pleasing words oft cheered me, and



{ l ,s : m .s | l :- d' | s ,l : s ,m | l : s ,f | m, d .- : l, ,t, | d :-
uair 'bhiodh m' inntinn trom, 'S tu thogadh suas mo chridh' n uair a bhiodh tu 'bruidhinn rium.
raised my heart when sad; Thy converse, like sweet music, my spirits would make glad.

Gur muladach a ta mi
'S mi nochd air aird' a' chuain,
'S neo-shunndach mo chadal dhòmh
'S do chaidreamh fada bhuan;
Gur tric mi ort a' smaointeach,
'As d' aogais tha mi truagh;
'Us mur a dean mi d'haotainn
Cha bhi mo shaghal buan.

Shil chorrach mar an dearg
Fo rosg a dh'iadhas dlùth;
Gruaidhean mar an caorann,
Fo'n aodann 'tha leam ciùin;
Mur d' aithris iad na breugan
Gu'n d' thug mi féin duit rùn;
'S gur bliadhma leam gach là
O'n uair a dh'fhàg mi thu.

Tacan mu'n do sheòl sinn
Is ann a thòisich chach
Ri innseadh do mo chruinneig-sa
Nach tillinn-se gu bràth;
Na cuireadh sud ort graimean,
A luaidh, ma bhios mi slàn,
Cha chum dad idir uait mi
Ach saighead chruaidh a' Bhàis.

Tha'n t-snaim a nise ceangailte
Gu daingeann agus teann;
'Us their luchd na fanaid rium
Nach 'eil mo phrothaid ann:
Am fear aig a' bheil fortan,
Tha crois aige 'n a cheann,
'S tha mise tairgeil, toillechte
Ged tha mo sporan gann.

My heart is torn with anguish
This night upon the sea,
And restless are my slumbers
Since far away from thee,
How oft my thoughts entwine thee,
Though absent from my view!
And if I may not claim thee,
My days shall be but few.

Beneath thy pencilled eyebrows
Are eyes like berries blue,
Thy cheeks are like the rowans
Of red and ripest hue;
I will confess with gladness
That I this maid adore,—
Each day has seemed a year
Since we parted on the shore.

A while before we parted
They sought to grieve thee sore,
And said unto my maiden
I should return no more.
Heed not their cruel slander;
My love, if naught betide,
I'll come again to see thee,
And claim thee for my bride.

The knot is tied securely
That binds me to my dear,
Though mocking foes are saying
'Twill bring me little gear;
The man who weds a fortune
Its cross has oft to bear,
So I am quite contented
Although my purse be spare.

Gaelic words by HECTOR MAC KENZIE, Ullapool. Translation by "FIONN."

46—FUADACH NAN GAIDHEAL—THE DISPERSION OF THE HIGHLANDERS.

KEY F.—*Slowly, with much feeling.*

Air—"Lord Lovat's Lament."

{ ḍ r | m : m . s | f̣ , m : r . d | m . s : s , l | l . s : l . t | d' : d' , l | l . s : m . d
{ Gur-a | mis - e 'tha tìrs - ach, a' | caoidh cor na dùth - cha, 'S nan | seann daoine cùis - eil 'bha
I mourn for the Highlands, now drear and for - sak - en, The land of my fa - thers, the

{ m . r : r . m | r : ḍ r | m : m . s | f̣ , m : r . d | m . s : s , l | l . s : m . d
{ clìùiteach 'us treun; Rinn nachd - rain am fuadach gu fada | null thar chuan - tan Am
gal - lant and brave; 'To make room for the sportsman their lands were all ta - ken, And
'S am fonn a bhà | àl - uinn chaidh chur fo chaoraich bhàna, Tha
Where once smiled the gar - den, rank weeds have their sta - tion, And

{ f̣ , s : l . f | m . s : f̣ . r | d : ḍ r | d | l . t | d' : d' , l | l . s : m . d
{ fearann chaidh thoir uapa's thoir, suas do na féidh. 'S e sud a' chnailidh nàir - e bhi
they had to seek out new homes o'er the wave. Oh, shame on the ty - rants who
feanntagach 's a' ghàr - adh 's an àr - ach fo sheur.
deer are pre - fer'd to a leal - hearted race.

{ m . s : s , l | l . s : l . t | d' : d' , l | l . s : m . d | m . r : r , m | r
{ faic - inn dhaoine lùid - ir 'G am fuadach thar sàil - e mar bhàrr - laoh gun sheum;
brought de - so - la - tion, Who banished the brave, and put sheep in their place,

Far an robh mòran dhaoine
Le 'm mnathan 'us le 'n teaghlach,
Cha'n 'eil ach caoraich - mhaola
Ri fhaotainn 'n an àit':
Cha 'n fhaicear air a' bhuaile
A' bhanarach le 'bhuarach,
No idir an crodh guail - fhionn
'S am buachaille bàn.

Tha 'n uiseag anns na speuran,
A' seinn a lunnraig gheusla,
'S gun reach ann 'g a h - òiseachd
'N uair dh' èireas i àrd;
Cha till, cha till na daoine
Bha cridheil agus aoibheil—
Mar mhol air latha gaoithe
Chaidh 'n sgaoiladh gu bràth.

Oh! where are the parents
And bairns yonder roaming?
The scene of their gladness
Is far o'er the main;
No blithe-hearted milkmaid
Now cheers us at gloaming;
The herd-boy no longer
Is seen on the plain.

The lark still is soaring,
And sings in her glory,
With no one to listen
Her sweet morning lay;
The clansmen are gone—
But their deeds live in story—
Like chaff in the wind,
They were borne far away.

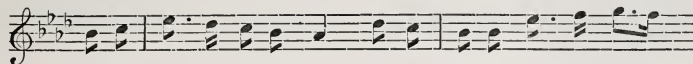
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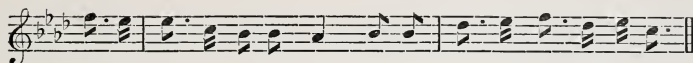
47—A' GHRUAGACH BHANAIL—THE BLYTHESOME LASSIE.

KEY A 2.—*Moderato.*

Air—"Bithibh aotrom 's togaibh fonn."



(: r . m | s . f : m . r | d : f . m | r . r : s . l | t . l)
 SEISO—(Air a' | ghruagaich tha m'n geall, Coimeas | dhi cha'n fhaic mi ann,
 CHORUS—Tae my lassie wake the strain; There's nae lassie like my ain;



(: l . s | s . m : r . r | d : r . r | f . s : l . f | s . m . -)
 (Air a' | ghruagaich tha m'n geall; Maighdean | ghreannar a' chùil chlan-naich.
 Light and air - y wake the strain Tae my bonnie blythesome lassie.

Fhir a shiùbhlas greis mu thuath,
 Thoir na beannachdan so bhuam
 Thun na ribhinn bhanail, shuairc',
 'Tha mu'n Chaisteal-ruadh a' fanachd.

Fhuair mi eòlas oirr' 's mi òg,
 'S sinn le chèile air bheag gò;—
 'N gaol a thug mi 'n sin do'n òigh'
 Bithidh e ri m' bheò air m' aire.

'S iomadh maise agus buaidh
 A tha oirre fas a suas;
 Trian diubh so cha'n fhaod mi 'luaidh,
 Ged 's i Ghàidhlig chruaidh a th' agam.

Tha a gruaidhean mar na ròis;
 Tha a cneas mar chanach lòn;
 Tha a beusan banail fòl,
 'Us a còmhraidh mòdhar, tairis.

'Nuair a sheinneas i an duan,
 'S i le càch a' b'leoghann bhuar,
 Feumaidh smeorach air a' bhruaich
 'N ceileireadh thoir suas car tamull.

Ach ma 's beò mi gu Dir-daoin,
 Ni mi seòl air bli r' a taobh;
 'S cinnteach mi a fàilt, le aoidh,
 Geanalachd 'us faoilt, o'n aininn.

Ye wha northward tak yer way,
 If ye wad a kindness dae,
 Bear my salutations gay
 Tae my ain, my blythesome lassie.

Our first meeting weel I min',
 In our youthful days langsyne,
 And the love shall never crine
 That I bear my blythesome lassie.

Words o' mine could never trace
 A' the wondrous wealth o' grace
 That bedecks the form and face
 O' my bonnie blythesome lassie.

Cheeks like roses blooming bright,
 Mien like *canach* downy white,
 Speech and manners a' that's right,
 O' my bonnie blythesome lassie.

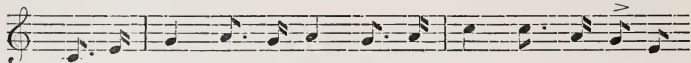
When she sings her evening sang
 Wi' the merry milk-maids thrang,
 A' the birds, the trees amang,
 Hush tae hear my blythesome lassie.

If to-morrow I'm alive,
 To be wi' her I will strive;
 Welcome kind, when I arrive,
 Waits me frae my blythesome lassie.

48—CRUACHAN-BEANN—CRUACHAN-BEN.

KEY C.—*With animation.*

Air—"Brochan buirn."



{ : d ., m | s : l ., s | l : s ., l | d' : d' ., l | s . m
SEISD—(Cruachan - beann, Cruachan - beann; Cruachan - beann, 's mòr mo thlachd dhìot;
CHORS—Cruachan - ben, Cruachan - ben, King o' a' norlan' mountains;



{ : m ., s | m' : r' ., d' | d' : m ., f | s : s ., m | r . d
(Cruachan - beann thar gach meall 'S a chuid allt 'ruith troimh 'ghlacaibh.
Tae the lift towers its head, Down its sides pour the fountains.

Cruachan-beann 's e cho mòr,
Tha e sònraicht' r'a fhaicinn—
Cha 'n 'eil a leithid 's an Roinn-Eòrp',
'S geal a chòta 'n àm sneachda.

Cloinn-an-t-Saoir d'am bu dual
'Bh' 'n ad chluanagan fasgach,
An diugh cha'n fhaic mi aon do'n àl
'Gabhail tàmh ann ad thaice.

'S iomadh linn bho 'n fhuair iad còir
Air a' bheinn a's bòidheh' r'a faicinn;
'S cho fad' 's a ruitheas uillt gu cuan
Bith'dh an dualchas ud aca.

An Leitir-beann chaidh m' àrach òg—
Leitir bhòidheach nam badan;
Gheibheadh fiadh ann air an t-sliabh,
'S earbag ria'ch anns gach glac dheth.

Aite 's maisiche fo 'n ghréin
Chaidh cha léir dhomh r'a fhaicinn;
'S bho 'n a chuir iad thu fo fhéidh,
'S goirt mo dheur 'gabhail beachd ort.

Soraidh 'nis le Cruachan-beann,
'S leis gach coire 's gleann tha 'n taic ris:
'S e mo dhùrachd Cloinn-an-t-Saoir
A bli daonnan 'n a thaice.

Noblest hill e'er I saw!
It is grander a bantle
Than ought Europe can show,
When it wears its snowy mantle.

MacIntyres were the clan
That its precincts frequent;
Noo there 's nane o' them there,
And fu' sair I lament it.

'Twas in days o' langsyne
Bonnie Cruachan they claimit,
And as lang as water flows
Still on it they'll be namit.

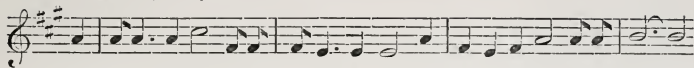
I was reared at Letter-ben,
Far the grandest of onie;
Deers and roes boundit free
O'er its knowes green and bonnie.

I nae mair shall behold
Spot on earth half sae takin';
But they 've placed thee under deer,
And my heart 's nigh a-breakin'.

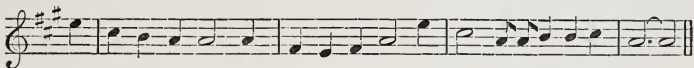
Fare thee well, Cruachan ben!
Every scaur, glen and fountain!
Lang may MacIntyres be found
Near their ain glorious mountain.

49—GILLE MO LUATH—THE LAD I LOVE WELL.

KEY A. — *Moderato, beating twice in the measure.*



{ d | d.d. : - d | m : - : l₁.l₁ | l₁.s₁ : - : s₁ | s₁ : - : d | l₁.s₁ | l₁ | d : - : d.d | r : - : - : - :
 O! seinnidh mi duan do ghille mo luaidh, A thàinig mu'n ctairt an dé;
 My Harp to me bring, of my love I will sing, Who yesterday came me to see;



{ s | m : r : d | d : - : d | l₁.s₁ | l₁ | d : - : s | m : - : d.d | r : r : m | d : - : - : - :
 Bu bhàth leam a shùil 'us b'aidheil a ghnuis, Mo rùn e 'neasg nan cénd.
 With countenance bright, his eyes flash with light— My choice among thousands is he.

Ged tha thu 's an tìom glé fhada bho 'n tìr
 'S am b'abhaist do d' shinnsear bhì 'n tàmh;
 Tha 'n Gàidheal a'd chridh 's cha ghabh e cur
 Le nì 's am bith ach am bàs. [slos.

'S ann an Apuinn nan Stùadh a thuinich do
 Na Stiùbhartach uasal ard; [shluagh,
 'S ann doibh a bu dual bhi colgarra cruaidh;
 Is iad nach tilleadh 's a' chàs.

Ged sgaipteadh 's an uair na fàilleinean uain'
 A thàinig bho shluagh nam beann,
 Tha 'n spiorad mar bha, 'us bithidh gu bràth,
 A' ruith anns gach àl d'an clann.

Gach lusan d'an fhraoch tha sgaipte 's an t-saoghal,
 'N uair ruigeas e taobh nam beann,
 Tha smuaintean a chridh a' tilleadh gun strìth,
 A dh' ionnsaidh na tìom a bh' ann.

Mo chad leat an dràs, O 'ille mo ghràidh,
 'Us till rinn gun dàil mu thuath;
 'S gu'n cuir sin ort failt le furan 'us àigh,
 'S le cridheachan blàth 'g a luaidh.

Tho' distant, retired from the land of thy sires,
 Where they lived in the brave days of old,
 The Gael from thy heart shall never depart,
 Till silent and cold in the mould.

From Appin they came, in history famed,
 The Stewarts of high pedigree;
 Courageous and bold when facing the foe,
 They never were known to flee.

Tho' scattered have been the branches so green,
 Brave sons of the mountains wild!
 The spirit remains for ever the same,
 Descending from parent to child.

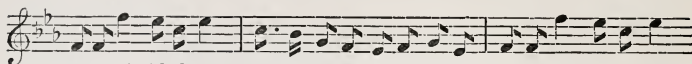
Each sprig of the heather, that long has been
 On reaching the mountain so green, [severed,
 His spirit returns, and is kindled by love,
 As he thinks of the days that have been.

I must now bid farewell to the lad I love well:
 Come back again soon to the North;
 Here a welcome thou'lt find, both hearty and kind,
 From hearts overflowing with mirth.

50—EILIDH BHÀN—AILIE BAIN.

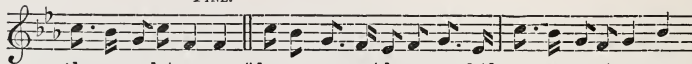
KEY E $\flat$.—Moderato.

Air—"Buain na rainich." *



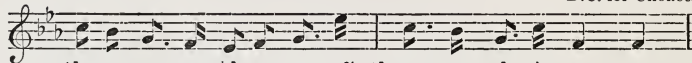
SEISD—{r : r : r' | d' : l : d' | l .s : m .r | d .r : m .d | r : r : r' | d' : l : d'
Eilidh bhàn Choire-chnàimh, Maighdean bhanaid nam beus ceanaill, Eilidh bhàn Choire-chnàimh,
CHORUS—Ailie Bain o' the glen, Bonnie lassie, winsome lassie; Ailie Bain o' the glen,

FINE.



{l .s : m .l | r : r | l .s : m .r | d .r : m .d | l .s : m .r | m : s
Cò nach tugadh gaol dhì? M'f'n so 'm aonar's manadh pòig orm O'n m'haol big's rùn clèibh dhomh,
What could help but lo'e her? Here w'l' lips foretök'ning kisses, Waiting dull and wearie;

D.C. for CHORUS.



{l .s : m .r | d .r : m .d' | l .s : m .l | r : r ||
'S beag an t-foghnadh cainnt mo chridh bhì "Greas a nìos ort, éud - all!"
'Tis nae wonder my heart's wish is— Quickly come, my dear - ie.

Gaol gach gille, cliù gach fliidh,
Thaht no deas gu'n téid mi—
Na 'm b'fhear-dhàn mi mar a b' aill leam
Gu là bhràth bhiodh sgeul ort.
Eilidh bhàn, &c.

Gun dad fàsagaidh ach mo bhreacan,
'S mo lamh dheas mu d' chaol-chrìos,
Sud mar fhuair mi 'n oidheche 's buaine
Tric ro-luath 'g ar sgaolleadh.

Ged tha fear-a'-Bhràighe, thall ud,
'S ciadan eile 'n deigh ort,
'S leam-sa, neothar-thiang dhoibh nìle,
Gaol us furan m' éudail!

'S truaigh nach b'ann an nochd, a leannain,
Dh' òlar deoch na rèite;
'N sin le 'r gairm, gu Cill-a'-Mhunna
Cha bu ruith ach leum leam.

A' the lads are daft about ye;
A' the bardies praise ye;
Were I ane myself, I doubt na
I'd gang rhym'ing crazy.
Ailie Bain, &c.

On the cauld nights tho' my plaidie
Sheltered us but sparely,
Yet my partin' frae beside ye
Seem'd tae come owre early.

What, tho' monied cuifs endeavour
Wi' their gowd tae lure ye,
True tae me yer heart beats ever;
Ne'er shall they secure ye.

Would this e'ning saw them risin'
Frae our bottling, Ailie;
Tae Kilmun tae put the cries in
I wad trip it gaily.

Gaelic words by EVAN MAC COLL. Translation by Mr M. MAC FARLANE

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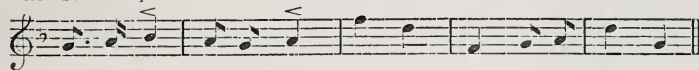
Tha mi sgìth 's mi leam fhlin,
Buain na rainich, buain na rainich;
Tha mi sgìth 's mi leam fhlin,
Buain na rainich daonnan.

Cùil an tomain, bràigh an tomain,
Cùil an tomain bhòidhich;
Cùil an tomain, bràigh an tomain,
H-uile làtha 'm ònar.

51—MO NIGHEAN DONN—MY BROWN MAID.

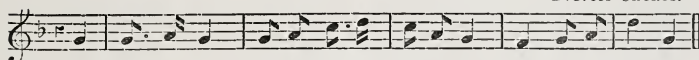
KEY F.—*With spirit.*

FINE.



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SEISD—(Their mi hó,	robha hó,	'S mithich dhuinn éir-	idh, Mo	nigh'n donn.	
CHORUS—Singing hó	ro - va hó,	Let's be go -	ing, Mo	neen donn.	

D.C. for CHORUS.



(: r r .m : r	r .m : s .l	s .m : r	d : r .m	l : r	
S mithich dhòmh-sa dol	dachaidh, Tha mi	fad' air mo	chéilidh, Mo	nigh'n donn.	
'Tis time to go	homeward, Far too	long was my	sojourn, My	neen donn.	

'S mór gruaman na h-iarmaidh,
'S gaoth an iar a' cruaidh-shéideadh,
Mo nigh'n donn.

Tha na tonnan 's a' ghàraich,
'Tigh'n gu tràigh le greann éitidh,
Mo nigh'n donn.

Tha na cithean trom sneachda
'Dall-ghleachd anns na speuraibh,
Mo nigh'n donn.

Tha na h-uillt le dearg-rànaich
'Sgnabadh sgèrnaich nan sléibhtean,
Mo nigh'n donn.

Tha na craobhan mór, miarach,
As am friambsaich 'g an reubadh,
Mo nigh'n donn.

Tha eòin bhèchain nan cluaintean
Leis an uamhas 'g an léireadh,
Mo nigh'n donn.

'S eòin bheaga na coille
Gob, 's an doire, fo'n sgéithe,
Mo nigh'n donn.

'S bochd nuallan nan aighean
Air na sraibhean lom glé-gheal,
Mo nigh'n donn.

'S truagh mise 'n tìr Oisèin
'S mi gun soistinn mu m' éudail,
Mo nigh'n donn.

Far an d' fhàg mi mo leannan,
Maighdean channach na féille!
Mo nigh'n donn.

Gloomy low'rs the dark welkin;
Fierce the west wind is blowing.
Mo neen donn.

Roll the crested waves hoary
To the shore with weird moaning.
Mo neen donn.

From the heavens, blind striving,
Fall the driving white snowflakes.
Mo neen donn.

Loud bellow the fountains
Down the mountain side pouring.
Mo neen donn.

See, the branching high oaktrees
On the snow are stretched lowly.
Mo neen donn.

Hear the birds of the meadows
In their terror chirp doleful.
Mo neen donn.

In the woods the sweet singers
Under wing their heads stow them.
Mo neen donn.

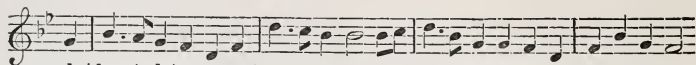
Hear the cows on the meadows
Standing plaintively lowing.
Mo neen donn.

In the land of old Ossian
My sad loss I'm deploring.
Mo neen donn.

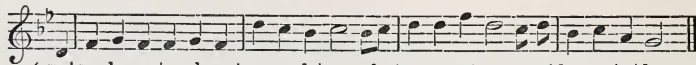
Where I left her, my dear one,
My own peerless adored one,
Mo neen donn.

52—EILEAN AN FHRAOICH—THE ISLE OF THE HEATHER.

KEY B♭.—*Boldly, beating twice in the measure.*



{ : l₁ | d : - . t₁ : l₁ | s₁ : m₁ : s₁ | m : - . r : d | d : - . d . r | m : - . d : l₁ | l₁ : s₁ : m₁ | s₁ : d : l₁ | s₁ : -
SEISD. { A chi - all nach mis - e bha'n Eil-ean an Fhraoich, Nam fadh nam brad-an, nam fead-ag, 's nan naosg;
CHORUS. I wish I were now in that Isle of the sea, The Isle of the Heather, and happy I'd be;



{ : m₁ | s₁ : l₁ : s₁ | s₁ : l₁ : s₁ | m : r : d | r : - . d . r | m : m : s | m : - . r . m | d : r : t₁ | l₁ : -
{ Nan Iochan, nan òban, nan osan 's nan'caol—Eilean inn-is nam bò, 's àite còmhnuidh nan laoch.
With deer in its mountains, and fish in its rills, Where heroes have lived 'mong its heath-cover'd hills.

An t-Eilean ro mhaiseach,
Gur pailt ann am biadh;
'S e Eilean a's àillt' air 'n
Do dhealraich a' ghrian;
'S e Eilean mo ghraidh-s' e,
Bha 'Ghàidhlig ann riamh;
'S cha 'n fhalbh i gu bràth
Gus an tràigh an cuan siar!
'N àm éiridh na gréine
Air a shléibhtibh bith' dh ceò,
Bith' dh a' bhanarach ghuanaich
'S a' bhuarach 'n a dòrn
Ri gabhail a duanaig
'S i cuallach nam bò,
'S mac-talla nan creag
Ri toirt freagairt d' a ceòl.
Airfeasgar an t-Samhraidh
Bith' dh sunnd air gach spréidh;
Bith' dh a' chunthag 'us fonn oirr'
Ri òran di fhéin;
Bith' dh uiseag air lòn
Agus smeòrach air géig,
'S air cnuc gblas 'us leòidean
Uain òga ri leum.
Na'm faighinn mo dhùrachd
'S e 'lùgainn bhi òg,
'S gun ghnòthach aig aois rium
Fhad 's a dh' fhaodainn bhi beò,
Bhi 'n am bhuaichail' air àiridh
Fo sgàil nam beann mòr'
Far am faighinn an cùis
'S bainne-blàth air son òl.
Cha 'n fhacas air talamh
Leam sealladh a's boidhch'
Na 'ghrian a' dol sìos
Air taobh siar Eilean Leòghas;
'N crodh-laoidh anns an luachair,
'S am buachail' 'n an tòir
'G an tional gu àiridh
Le àl de laogha òg.

This dearest of Isles
Is so fertile and fair,
That no other island
May with it compare;
Here Gaelic was spoken
In ages gone by,
And here it will live
Till the ocean runs dry.
At dawning of day
When there's mist on the hill,
The milkmaids go skipping
By fountain and rill;
When milking their cattle
They raise a sweet song,
And softly the echoes
The chorus prolong.
The notes of the cuckoo
Are welcomed in May,
And the blackbird sings blithe
'Mong the silvery spray;
The lark and the mavis
Pour forth their sweet lay,
While the lambs in the meadows
Are sprightly at play.
Could I get my wish,
And be once more a boy,
I'd thither return
And its pleasures enjoy,
A shepherd, to wander
O'er heather-clad hills,
And drink a cool draught
From its bright mountain rills.
There ne'er was a picture
More lovely to see,
Than the sun as he sinks
In the blue western sea,
When homeward the cattle
Are wending their way,
And all things are still,
At the close of the day.

Gaelic words by M. MAC LEOD, Govan. Translation by "FIONN."

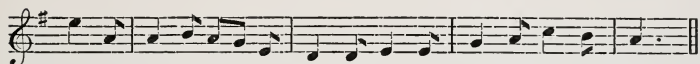
37—A' MHAIGHDEAN ÀLUINN—THE PEERLESS MAIDEN.

KEY G. *Moderato, beating twice in the measure.*

Air—"Slàn gu 'n till na Gaidheil ghasda."



{ | 1 : - : d | r : - : r | m : - : d | r : - : d | l 1 : - : l 1 | 1 : - : l | 1 : s : f | m : - : s
SEISD. (Seinn-eam) duan a nìs do'n mhaigh-dinn A tha aoibh-eil, crìdh-eil, (caolmhn-eil);
CHORUS. Sing the prais-es o' my dear-ie, Aye sae win-ning, blithe, and cheer-ie;



{ | 1 : - : r | r : - : m | r : d : l 1 | s 1 : - : s 1 | l 1 : - : l 1 | d : - : r | f : - : m | r : - : - : ||
'S fion-mhor fear a bheir-eadh oigh-reachd, Air son roinn de ghràdh a crìdh'.
In her pres-ence wha wad wear-ie? For her a' wad rich-es g'e.

Tha mo leannan dreachmhor, dreach,
'Us 'n a gluasad socair, sìobhalt';
Cha 'n 'eil maighdean anns an sgìreachd
'Thig a nìs riut ann an gnìomh.

'S ann fo sgàile nam beann-arda
Dh'fhàs an ribhinn a tha àluinn;
Labhraidh i gu blasta 'Ghàidhlig,
'Chainnt a's fearr a tha 's an tìr.

Dh'fhàs i suas mar shòbhraig bhòidhich,
Modhail, mállda mar an neòinein;
Cha d' fhuair amaideachd no gòraich'
Aite-còmhnaidh riamh 'n a crìdh'.

Tha mo ghaol-sa cridheil, cèdmhor—
Cò 'n a cuideachd a bhiodh brònach?
'N uair a theannas i ri òrain
Faodaidh 'n smèòrach a bhi bith.

Falt a cinn 'n a dhualan òrdail;
Dheth cha 'n ioghnadh i 'bhi spòrsail;
Ceum gu bràth nach dochainn feòirnein;
Meòr a's bòidheche air an sgrìobh.

Cha 'n 'eil maighdean anns an dithaich
'Tha cho measail no cho clùiteach;
'S iomadh h-aon a thug dhuit ùmhlaichd,
'Us a lùb dhuit anns gach nì.

O'n a chuir mi fhéin ort eòlas,
'S tric a bha sinn cridheil còmhla;
Ach tha mis' an diugh a'm ònar
Dubhach, brònach, 'us thu 'm dhith.

'S ged a tha mi fad' air faontradh
Thall 's a bhos air feadh an t-saoghal,
Air mo spéis dhuit cha tig caochladh;
Thug mi gaol dhuit 'bhios gun chrìch.

In her figure, straight and slender;
In her manner, kind and tender;
Nature's sel' could hardly mend her;
In her movements, neat and free.

She was reared among the Hielans,
Land o' crofts and summer shielins;
How it charms and warms the feelins
When she Gaelic speaks tae me.

Like the daisy bloomin' bonny;
Like the primrose lo'ed by mony;
She grew fairer far than ony
And nae menseless ways had she.

When she sings there's nane sings sweeter;
E'en the mavis canna beat her:—
Wha'd be dowie ga'in tae meet her?
Wha could pairt frae her wi' glee?

Down her gracefu' shouthers flowing,
Her rich curls are golden glowing;
Scarce her footstep, lightly going,
Bends the flow'ret on the lea.

Liked by ilka ane comes near her;
And the langer kenn'd the dearer;
North or south there's nane can peer her;
And she's a' the world tae me.

Though afar frae her I wander,
On my dear aye still I ponder;
Ilka day but makes me fonder—
Love like mine can never die.

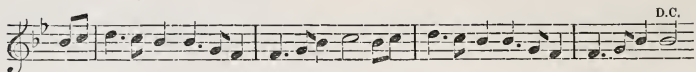
From the day when first I met her,
My desire has been to get her;
Come what may, I'll ne'er forget her
Until death shall close my e'e.

Gaelic words by "FIONN." Translation by Mr M. MAC FARLANE.

38—NA LÀITHEAN A DH'AOM—THE GAY DAYS OF YORE.

KEY B♭. *Beating twice in the measure.*

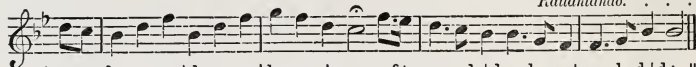
Air—"Robi donn gòrach."



D.C.

{ d : r m :- r : d d :- l : s s : - l : d r :- : d : r m :- r : d d :- l : s s : - l : d d :-	
{ Tha na slantau air caochladh, tha'n saoghal fo spreadh, Chuir an doineann shuar, fhiallaich an lailaSh 'n an tost ;	
The storm has subsided, the world is oppressed, All hushed by the tempest, the birds seek their nest ;	
'tha sneachda tròm, dòmhail a' còmhach nam beann, A' lìonadh nan glacan, 's a' tacadh nan allt,	
'the Ben is enwrapped in a mantle of snow, Con- cealing the streams, and im- peding their flow :	

Rallantando.



{ m : r d : m : s d : m : s l : s : m r :- : s, f m :- r : d d :- l : s s : - l : d d :-	
{ 'S mise 'feitheamh an ailsig aig carraig a' chaoil, Ri smaoinean air àbhachd nan làithean a dh'aom.	
A - waiting the ferry, I sit by the shore, And silently muse on the gay days of yore.	

Ann an làithean ar n-bìge
Dol 'n còmh-dhail an t-sluaigh,
Cha sheall sinn ach faoin
Air mar dh' aomas iad 'uainn ;
Cha tig e 'n ar smaoinean
Cho goirid 's tha 'n dàil,
Gus am brùchd oirnn gach leòn
Nì ar lùbadh gu làr,
Gun chùram gun èislein,
Aig teumadh air taobh,
Air làithean a' snàg 'uainn
Gun àireamh air aon.

'N uair a luidheas an aois oirnn
'S a dh' aognas ar snuadh,
Ar ciabh 'dol 'an taineadh,
Agus smal air ar gnuaidh,
Bith dh' teughbail nan còmhlan
A' còmh-radh gu truagh,
Agus chuirdean ar n-bìge
Air còmh-ladh 's an uaigh ;
'S ann an sin bhios ar cridhe
Làn mulaid 'us gaoid,
Ri smaoinean air àbhachd
Nan làithean a dh' aom.

O ! Ard-Rìgh na cruinne,
Ceann-nidhe ar dùil,
Air an t-sneachda fhliuch fhionnar
Dhuist a lùbas mi glùn ;
'S guidheam gu'n òrduich
Thu dhòmh-sa gu glic,
'Bhì 'cuimhneachadh d'òrduigh
Gu h' ùmhail 's gu tric,
Chum 'n uair chlochnaicheas m' astar
Ann an glaciaibh an Aoig,
Nach cuimhnich thu m' fhàilinn
Anns na làithean a dh' aom.

In bright days of childhood
With free buoyant heart,
We think not how swiftly
The seasons depart,
How soon comes the time
When our health may decay,
And softly we'll slumber
Beneath the cold clay ;
All heedless we count not
The years as they fly,
Nor days that unnumbered
Pass silently by.

In the gloaming of life,
When age furrows the brow,
Our locks getting thinner,
And white as the snow,
When this world's cold friendship
Is sad to behold,
And the friends of our youth
Are asleep 'neath the mould,
Then, our heart filled with sorrow,
Is sick to the core,
As we mournfully muse
On the gay days of yore.

Almighty Creator !
My hope is in Thee ;
On this snowy pathway
I now bend the knee ;
O, teach me Thy statutes
And guide me away,
And let me remember
Thy precepts each day,
That, sleeping in Death,
When Life's journey is o'er,
The faults of my youth
Thou 'lt remember no more.

Gaelic words by the late Dr MAC LACHLAN, Rahoy. Translation by "FIONN."

39—OIGFHEAR A CHÙIL-DUALAICH—LADDIE WITH THE GOLDEN HAIR.

KEY A. *Moderato.*

SEISD. { .s₁ | l₁ . d : r . m | r . d . s₁ : l₁ . l₁ | d . l₁ : l₁ . s₁ | m : m .
 A fhleasg-aich an fhuilt chraobh-aich chais, Oig - fhìr a' chùil dual - aich;
 CHORUS. Oh! lad - die with the gol - den hair, In wa - vy ring - lets flow - ing;

{ s | l . r : r . d | r . r : m . r | r . d . l₁ : s₁ . s₁ | l₁ : l₁ .
 A fhleasgaich òig an òir-fhuilt chais, Gur i do mhais' a' bhuair mi.
 Oh! lad - die with the gol - den hair, Thy looks were my un - do - ing.

Mheall thu, mheall thu, mheall thu mi;
 Do bhòidhichead a' bhuair mi;
 'Us gheall thu dhòmhs' air iomadh dòigh
 Gu'm biodh do sùras buan domh.

Is truagh nach robh mi 'us mo ghaol
 An lagan an fhuaoich uaine,
 'S ged laidhinn tinn, gu'n éirinn slàn,
 'S mo làmh 'bhi fo d'chùil dualach.

O, gur mise 'tha gu tinn,
 'Us falt mo chinn air fuasgladh,
 'S gun fhios a'm fhéin ciod e'n cion-fàth
 'Thug dhuits', a ghràidh, bhi'n gruaim rium.

Na'm biodh agam boineid dhù-ghorm
 'S ite mholach uaine,
 'S mi gu'n rachadh leat, a ghaol,
 Do sheòmar nan daoim'-uaisle.

Bith'dh tu aig banais agus "bàl,"
 A' mánran ris gach gruagaich,
 'S bith'dh mise 'n sin air chùil gach màis
 'S do chàirdean ann an gruaim rium.

B' òg a thug mi dhuit mo ghaol,
 Ged nach d'rinn mi 'bhuannachd,
 'S an t-snaoin a cheangail sinn gu teann,
 I air gach ceann air fuasgladh.

Thy beauty drew my heart to thee,
 But now I am deceived;
 The promises you gave to me
 My too fond heart believèd.

Oh! would I were in yonder glen,
 Now roaming with my deary;
 My heart would wake to joy again,
 Though now 'tis sad and dreary.

My locks untended loosely flow,
 My spirits are dejected;
 In vain I try the cause to know
 Why thou hast me neglected.

If dressed in silks or satins rare,
 Although of lowly station,
 I'd to thy stately halls repair,
 And face each proud relation.

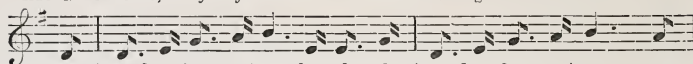
At balls or weddings thou art prone
 To flirt with many a maiden,
 While I, despised, must sit alone,
 My heart with sorrow laden.

The love we plighted in the glade
 I thought would fail us never;
 The knot we tied, the vows we made,
 I fear are loosed for ever.

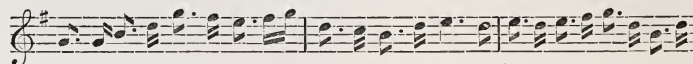
40—AM FONN—THE MELODY.

KEY G.—*Moderato, with feeling.*

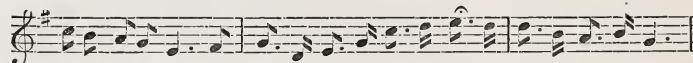
Air—"An nochd gur faoin mo chadal dhombh."



{ S₁ | S₁ „l₁ : d „r | m „l₁ : l₁ „d | S₁ „l₁ : d „r | m : - . r
O! sìod am fonn a chual - a mi An uair a bha mi òg, Mì'n
Oh! that's the air I heard long since, In childhood's happy day, When,



{ d „d : m „s | d' „t : l „t „d' | s „f : m „s | l : - . s | l „s : l „t | d' „s : m „s
chualn ri uchd mo mhàthar 'S mo chridhe 'snàmh 'n a ceòl; 'S'n uair 'chuala mi a rithist e Aig
folded to my mother's breast, My soul drank in her lay; A-gain, when round my father's cot, I



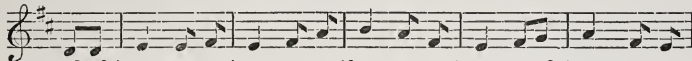
{ f „m : r „d | l₁ : - . t₁ | d „s₁ : l₁ „d | f „s : l „s | s „m : r „m | d : - .
nighian ghil nam bò, Gu'n thàl-aith i mo chridhe leis 'S mi mireag-aich mu'n chrò.
frisked a sportive boy, Full oft the milkmaid waked the strain, And thrilled my soul with joy.

Bu tric o sin 'g a chlaistinn mi,
Mu eadradh àrd-thra ubin,
'S mi headradh, air an àiridh,
Ri mo Mhàiri àillidh òig;
No feadh nan glacac fàileanta
'S an tàrladh dhuinn, gun ghò,
'Bhì coinneachadh, gu mánranach,
Fo sghilean Choill-nan-cò.
Ach b' éiginn dòmh's an àiridh
Agus Mairi 'chur air chùl,
'Us siubhal fad' o'n àite sin
'S an robh mo ghràdh 'us m' òig,
A sheasamh anns na blàraibh
'N aghaidh nàmhaiden ar dùthch':
'S an lùtha dh' fhàg mi 'm Bràighe,
Rìgh! bu chràiteach m' aigne brùit'!
O! sìod am fonn a chuala mi,
'S a chualleanaich mu 'm chridh',
A 's tric a dhùisg dhombh sealladh
Air mo leannan 's air mo thùr;
An uair a bhithinn airtnealach
'N am chairtealan, le sgios,
Gu 'n taisleachadh e m' anam
'N uair a chanainn e leam fhìn!
Ach thog am fonn an tràth-so dhombh
Fàth càrnain agus bròin;
Oir dhùisg e ionnhaigh Mairi
'Us mo mhàthar, 's iad fo'n fhòid;
Gach caochladh agus sàrach
'Thàinig air na Gàidheil chòir,
O'n am 's 'n a bhuail an dàn ud mi
Le gràdh, 'n uair 'bha mi òg!

And oft since then I've heard its notes
With rapture fill the ear
At noonday in the shieling, when
My Mary lilted near;
Or when, in evening's peaceful calm,
Our steps together strayed,
With song and artless gaiety,
Adown the scented glade.
But cruel Fate at length decreed
That I should wander far
From Mary and my kindred dear,
To fill the ranks of war—
My country's rightful cause to stand
Against a foreign foe:
That day I left the glen I loved,
What words could tell my woe!
Again I've felt its moving tones
Around my heart entwined,
Awakening thoughts of home and love,
And joys that once were mine,
When, far away 'mid other scenes,
I thought of bygone years,
And hummed it o'er with melting heart
And eyes bedimmed with tears.
But when I hear it now, it wakes
Sad thoughts within my breast;
It minds me of my mother,
And my Mary, now at rest;
The evils that befell our land,
The wrongs my country bore,
Since first I heard that melody
In the happy days of yore.

41—EALAIÐH GHAOIL—A MELODY OF LOVE.

KEY D.—Lively.

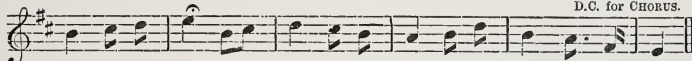


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 (Gur gil - e mo leann - an na'n cal' air an t-snuimh Na coibh - ar na
 Not the swan on the lake, or the foam on the shore, Can com - pare with the
 SEISN—Air fall - ir - inn, lill - ir - inn, lill - ir - inn, o, Air fall - ir - inn,
 CHORUS—Air fal - yer - in, eel - yer - in, ool - yer - in, o, Air fal - yer - in,



(| d : r . m | s : m . r | d : d . d | s : s . m | s : m . s)
 | tuinn - e, 's e till - eadh gu traigh, Na'm bláth - bhainn - e buail - e, 's a'
 charms of the maid I a - dore; Not so white is the new milk that
 lill - ir - inn, till - ir - inn, o, Air fall - ir - inn, h - ir - ir - inn,
 eel - yer - in, ool - yer - in, o, Air fal - yer - in, eel - yer - in,

D.C. for CHORUS.



(| l : t . d' | r' : l . t | d' : t . l | s : l . d' | l : s . m | r)
 | chuach leis fo bhárr, No sneachd nan gleann dos - rach 'g'a fhrois - eadh ma'n bhárr.
 flows o'er the pail, Or the snow that is shower'd from the brow of the vale.
 s'ill - ir - inn, o, Gur b'ídh - each an com - unn 'th'alg coimh' n' t-Srath - mhóir.
 ool - yer - in, o, How joy - ons the meet - ing con - vened at Strath - more.

Mar na neóil bhuidhe 'lúbas
 Air stúcaibh nan sliabh,
 Tha cas-fhalt mo rúin-sa
 Gu sibhlach a' snuomh;
 Tha 'gruaidh mar an rós
 'N nair a's b'ídhche 'bhios 'fhianbh
 F'o úr-dhealt a' Chéitein
 Mu'n éirich a' ghrian.

Mar Venus a' boisgeadh
 Thar choilltibh nan árd,
 Tha 'mlog-shuil 'g'am bhuairleadh
 Le suaicheantas gráidh.
 'Tha 'bráighe nan seud
 Ann an éideadh gach áigh,
 Mar ghealach nan speur
 'S i 'cur reultan fo phrámh.

Bith'dh 'n uiseag 's an smebrach,
 Feadh lóintean an drúichd,
 'Toirt fáilte le'n órain
 Do'n óg-mhaduinn chidín;
 Ach bith'dh 'n uiseag neo-sheolta,
 'S an smebrach gun sunnd,
 'N nair a thóisicheas m' eudail
 Air gleusadh a ciúil.

'N nair thig samhradh nan neóinean
 A' còmhach nam bruch,
 Bith'dh gach eòinean 's a' chròchd-choill'
 A' cèid leis a' chnaich;
 'S bith'dh mise gu h-éibhinn
 A' leumnaich 's a' ruaig
 Fo dhùth-gheugaidh sgàileach,
 A' mianran ri m' luaidh.

As the clouds yellow wreath
 On the mountain's high brow,
 So the locks of my fair one
 Redundantly flow.
 Her cheeks have the tint
 That the roses display
 When they glitter with dew
 In the morning of May.

Like the planet of Venus,
 That gleams o'er the grove,
 Her blue rolling eyes
 Are the symbols of love.
 Her pearl-circled bosom
 Diffuses bright rays,
 As the moon when the stars
 Are bedimmed with her blaze.

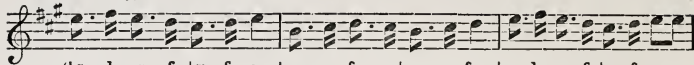
The mavis and lark,
 At the breaking of dawn,
 Make a chorus of joy
 To resound through the lawn;
 But the mavis is tuneless—
 The lark strives in vain,
 When my beautiful charmer
 Renews her sweet strain.

When summer bespangles
 The landscape with flowers,
 And the thrush and the cuckoo
 Sing soft in their bowers,
 Through the wood-shaded windings
 With Bella I'll rove,
 And feast unrestrained
 On the smiles of my love.

First verse and chorus by MRS. MACKENZIE, Bail' an-Ioin; remainder, and translation, by the late EWEN MAC LACHLAN.

42—GABHAIDH SINN AN RATHAD MÓR—WE WILL TAKE THE HIGHWAY.

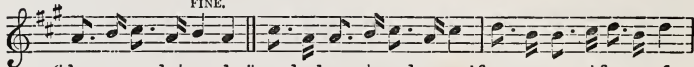
KEY A.—*Lively, with marked time.*



{ s .l : s .f | m .f : s | r .m : f .m | r .m : f | s .l : s .f | m .f : s .s
SEIZED—{ Gabhaidh sinn an rathad mór, | Gabhaidh sinn an rathad mór; | Gabhaidh sinn an rathad mór

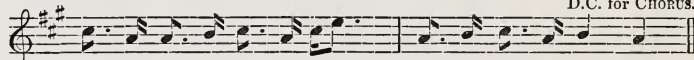
CHORUS—We will take the good old way, We will take the good old way, We will take the good old way, The

FINE.



{ d .r : m .d | r : d | m .d : d .r | m .d : m | f .r : r .m | f .r : f
Ole air mhath le càch e. || Diridh sinn ri beinn an fhuaoich Tearnaidh sinn ri gleann nan laogh,
way that lies before us; Climbing stiff the heath'ry ben, Winding swiftly down the glen;

D.C. for CHORUS.



{ m .d : d .r | m .d : m .s .- | d .r : m .d | r : d ||
'S cha 'n 'eil fear de luchd-nam-braois Nach leig sinn gaoir a' mhàileid.
Should we meet with stragglers then, Their gear will serve to store us.

Ole air mhath le Cloinn-an-t-Saoir,
Ole air mhath le Cloinn-an-t-Saoir,
Ole air mhath le Cloinn-an-t-Saoir,
'S bodaich mhaol an làgain.
Gabhaidh sinn, &c.

Thar a' mhonaidh null 'n ar sgrìob,
Sios Gleann-Comhann air bheag sgìos,
Mearsaidh sinn 'an ainm an Rìgh,
Ole air mhath le càch e.
Gabhaidh sinn, &c.

Gu Mac-'ic-Alasdair's Lochial,
Bith'dh iad leinn mar bha iad riamh,
'S Fear-na-Ceapach mar ar miann,
Ole air mhath le càch e.
Gabhaidh sinn, &c.

Thig Clann-a-Phearsoin, feachd nam buadh,
'S thig Cloinn-Choinnich o'n Taobh-tuath,
'S maing a dream do 'n nochd iad fuath,
'N uair dh' éireas gruaim nam blàr orr'.
Gabhaidh sinn, &c.

Thig Clann-Ghriogair' garg 's an strì
'Us Stiùbhartach, 's iad sluagh an Rìgh;
Mearsaibh uallach,—suas a' phìob!
Ole air mhath le càch e.
Gabhaidh sinn, &c.

MacIntyres watch on hill;
Be their wishes good or ill,
We will keep, whate'er their will.
The way that lies before us.
We will up &c.

O'er the mountain's rocky steep,
Down Glencoe our course will keep;
In the King's name we will sweep
The rebels on before us.
We will up &c.

To Glengarry and Lochiel,
Keppoch trusty, true as steel,
Hearts and claymores ever leal,
As were their sires' before them.
We will up &c.

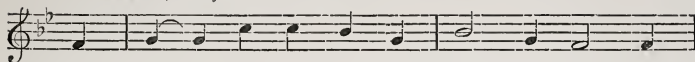
Bold MacPhersons will come forth,
With MacKenzies from the north:—
Where be they would try their worth
In battle's strife before them?
We will up, &c.

Fierce MacGregors, to us speed,
Stewarts of the royal seed—
Bag pipes ready,—pipers, lead
The way that lies before us!
We will up &c.

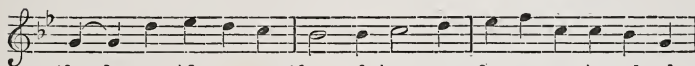
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43—O, TILL, A LEANNAIN—RETURN, MY DARLING.

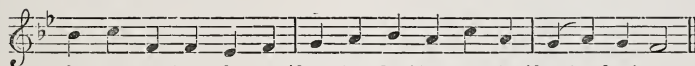
KEY B $\flat$.—Moderato, beating twice in the measure.



(: S₁ | l₁ : l₁ : r | r : d : l₁ | d : - : l₁ | s₁ : - : s₁
SEISD— O, till a leann-ain, O, till, O, till! O,
CHORUS—Re - turn, my dar - ling, re - turn, re - turn! Re -



(l₁ : l₁ : m | f : m : r | d : - : d | r : - : m | f : s : r | r : d : l₁
till, a leann-ain O, till, O, till! Dean | cabh-aig a Mhaí-lí a
turn, my dar - ling, re - turn, re - turn! O, haste thee, my fair one, Re -



(d : r : s₁ | s₁ : f₁ : s₁ | l₁ : t₁ : d | t₁ : r : t₁ | l₁ : t₁ : l₁ | s₁ : -
dùth-aich nan Gall-ach, No théid mi le h-aimh-eal do'n chill, do'n chill!
turn now, my rare one, Nor leave me thus dai - ly to mourn, to mourn.

O thus 'a gheibh sealladh de m' ghaol, de m' gbaol,
Thoir fhis dhi gu 'n robh i dhomh féin, dhomh féin,
Mar chridhe do m' bhròilleach,
Mar itil-chairt do 'n mharaich', [t-saogh'l].
Mar ait-ghréin an Earraich do 'n t-saogh'l, do 'n
O, e' hite 'm bheil coimeas do m' luaidh, do m'
luaidh?
Mar ròs air uchd eala tha 'gruaidh, tha 'gruaidh;
Clàr aghaidh a's gile
Na 'm baine 'g a shileadh,
No 'ghrian 's i gu luidhe 's a' chuan, 's a' chuan.

Na 'm faiceadh tu 'pearsa gun mheang, gun
mheang—
Na 'n cluinneadh tu 'labhairt gun sgraing, gun
Na 'm biodh tu le m' chruinneig [sgraing—
'N àm togail nan luinneag,
Gu 'n lasadh do chridhe gun taing, gun taing.

Mo chridhe-sa! 's tusa 'bhios truagh, 'bhios truagh,
Mur pill is' 'thog oirre gu Cluaidh, gu Cluaidh:—
Gu 'm b' fheàrr na bhi maille
Ri té eil' air thalamh,
'Bhi sinnte ri m' Mhaili 's an uaigh, 's an uaigh!

If ever my loved one you see, you see,
O, tell her that she was to me, to me,
A chart for life's ocean,
A heart for each motion,
My sun and my portion was she, was she.

O, what with my love may compare, compare?
Not the swan or the rose so fair, so fair;
Much whiter I trow,
Than snow is her brow,
Or the sun setting low, so fair, so fair.

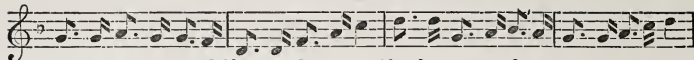
If you on my dear one should gaze, should gaze,
If you were to hear what she says, she says,
If you heard my pretty
One singing her ditty,
Your bosom would get in a blaze, a blaze.

But if she forsake me, my gloom, my gloom!
All pleasure and strength shall consume, consume,
And rather than stray
With another away,
I would lie with my May in the tomb, the tomb.

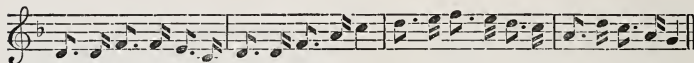
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44—MAIRI LAGHACH—WINSOME MARY.

KEY F.—Moderato.



SEISD. { r , r : m , r : r , d | l , l : d , m : s | l , l : r , m : f , m | r , r : m , s : l
Hó, mo Mháiri laghach, 's tu mo Mháiri bhinn! Hó, mo Mháiri laghach 's tu mo Mháiri ghriinn;
CHORUS. Hey, my winsome Ma - ry, Ma - ry, fondly free! Hey, my winsome Ma - ry, Mary, mine to be!



{ l , l : d , d : t , s | l , l : d , m : s | l , t : d , t : l , s | m , l : s , m : r ||
Hó, mo Mháiri laghach, 's tu mo Mháiri bhinn; Mháiri bhéidheach lurach, 'rugadh anns na glinn.
Winsome, handsome Mary— who so fair as she! My own Highland lassie, dear as life to me.

B'og bha mise 's Mháiri
'M fasaichean Ghlinn-sneòil,
'N uair 'chuir macan Venius
Sàighead gheur 'n am fheòil
Tharruing sinn ri chéile,
Ann an eud cho beò,
'S nach robh air an t-saoghal
A thug gaol cho mòr.
Ged bu leamsa Albainn,
A h-airgíod 'us a maoin,
Cia mar bhithinn sona
Gun do chomunn gaoil?
B' annsa bhi 'g ad phògadh
Le deagh chòir dhoinn féin,
Na ged gheibhinn stòras
Na Roinn-Eòrp 'gu léir.
Tha d' fhalt bachlach, dualach,
Mù do chluais a' fás,
Thug nàdur gach buaidh dha
Thar gach gruag a bha:
Cha 'n 'eil dragh, no tuairgne,
'N a chur suas gach là;
Chas gach ciabh mu'n cuairt detla,
'S e 'n a dhuail gu 'bhàrr.
Tha do chaille-dheud snaighte
Geal mar shneachd nan àrd;
D' anail mar an càineal;
Beul o 'm banail fuilt:
Gruaidh air dhreach an t-siris;
Mìn-ruig chinnealt, thàl;
Mala chaoi gun ghruaman,
Gnùis gheal, 's cuach-fhalt bàn.
Cha robh inneal cùil
A fhuaireadh riamb fo 'n ghréin,
A dh'athriseadh air chòir
Gach ceòl bhiodh againn féin
Uiseag air gach Ìonan,
Smeòrach air gach géig;
Cuthag 'us gùg gùg aic',
'Madainn chùbhraidh Chéit.

Long ere in my bosom
Lodged love's arrow keen,
Often with my Mary
In Glensmoil I've been;
Happy hours succeeded
By affection true,
Till there seemed 'neath heaven
No such loving two!
What although all Albinn
And its wealth were mine,
How, without thee, darling,
Could I fail to pine?
As my bride to kiss thee,
I would prize far more
Than the all of treasure
Europe has in store.
What a wealth of tresses
Mary dear can show!
Crown of lustre rarer
Ne'er graced maiden brow!
'Tis but little dressing
Need those tresses rare,
Falling fondly, proudly,
O'er her shoulders fair.
Hers are teeth whose whiteness
Snow alone can peer;
Hers the breath all fragrance,
Voice of loving cheer;
Cheeks of cherry ripeness,
Eyelids drooping down,
Neath a forehead never
Shadowed by a frown.
No mere music art-born
Ere our pleasure crowned;—
Music far more cheering
Nature for us found;
Larks in air, and thrushes
On each flowing thorn,
And the Cuckoo hailing
Summer's gay return!

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